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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the outstanding Office Action, dated 12/13/2005, in the above-identified application.

Under the provisions of 37 CFR § 1.136(a), Applicant petitions to extend the period for filing a reply in the above-identified application. The requested extension and appropriate fee are as follows:

- ☐ 37 CFR § 1.17(a)(1) - Extension within first month
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